

PATENT

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SERIAL NO.: 10/620,487 GROUP: 1652

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TITLE (AMENDED): A MICROORGANISM STRAIN TRANSFORMED WITH

THE Escherichia coli yfik GENE FOR THE

PRODUCTION OF AMINO ACIDS

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the First Office Action dated

February 17, 2005, with the time for reply having been

extended for two (2) months, from MAY 17, 2005 until JULY 17,

2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 9 of this document.

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